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SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF EUR/WE POSTS

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1. MEMBERS OF THE INSPECTION TEAM FOR FRANCE AND MALTA WILL BE AMBASSADOR MELVIN L. MANFULL, SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTOR; MADISON M. ADAMS, JR.; DANIEL L. FOSTER; PERRY W. LINDER; AND INSPECTOR TO BE NAMED.

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2. THE TEAM FUNCTIONS AS AN INTEGRATED UNIT; HOWEVER, INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS HAVE SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY: EXECUTIVE SECTION, CULTURAL AND OTHER AGENCY AFFAIRS, AMBASSADOR MANFULL; POLITICAL AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS, INSPECTOR TO BE NAMED; ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS, ADAMS; ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, LINDER AND FOSTER.

3. ARRIVAL TIMES IN PARIS: AMBASSADOR MANFULL, ADAMS, FOSTER, LINDER: JANUARY 30, 0825 HOURS, TW-800.

4. EMBASSY PARIS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE OR OBTAIN ACCOMODATIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 30: GOVERNMENT FURNISHED QUARTERS FOR AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MANFULL (WHO WILL JOIN AMBASSADOR LATER); IF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS NOT AVAILABLE, DOUBLE ROOMS AT MODERATE PRICED HOTEL NEAR EMBASSY; A ROOM WITH TWIN BEDS AT HOTEL ARCELYSEE, '45 RUE WASHINGTON, FOR INSPECTOR ADAMS; SINGLE ROOMS AT MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL IN VICINITY OF EMBASSY FOR INSPECTORS LINDER AND FOSTER.

5. INSPECTORS PROPOSE THAT THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR VISIT (JANUARY 31) BE SCHEDULED ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES, IF POSSIBLE: (A) CALL BY TEAM MEMBERS ON AMBASSADOR AND DCM SHORTLY AFTER OPENING OF BUSINESS FOR 30 MINUTES, OR LONGER IF EMBASSY WISHES, TO DISCUSS INSPECTION OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURES. (B) IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER, MEETING WITH STATE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF, WHO HAVE NOT RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN A COR INSPECTION, AND MEMBERS OF OTHER AGENCIES REPRESENTED, ALONG WITH AS MANY OTHER AMERICAN EMPLOYEES AS EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE, TO DISCUSS THE INSPECTION PROCESS. (C) THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY WALK-THROUGH OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHANCERY AND ANNEXES CONDUCTED BY DCM, DURING WHICH INSPECTORS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET LOCAL EMPLOYEES. (D) IN THE AFTERNOON, INSPECTORS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BRIEFING ON US-FRENCH RELATIONS HIGHLIGHTING ISSUES AND PROBLEMS, AND US OBJECTIVES OVER THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS - AN HOUR AND A HALF SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

6. CONSTITUENT POSTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE INSPECTED: CONSULATE GENERAL BORDEAUX, 2/28-3/2; CONSULATE GENERAL MARSEILLE, 3/6-3/8; CONSULATE NICE, 3/9-3/10; CONSULATE GENERAL LYON, 3/13-3/15; CONSULATE GENERAL STRASBOURG, 3/16-3/17. INSPECTION TEAM COMPOSITION, ACCOMODATIONS REQUIRED, AND TRAVEL ITINERARIES WILL BE PROVIDED FROM THE FIELD.

7. A SEPARATE MESSAGE ON MALTA PHASE OF INSPECTION SCHEDULED FOR 4/7/-4/13 WILL FOLLOW FROM THE FIELD. FOR FIRST DAY OF INSPECTION, TEAM WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED ALONG LINES OF PARA 5 ABOVE.

8. EMBASSY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON FOREGOING

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